

Section 2	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)		
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	6,677	11,418	4,741	71	Decrease: Interest income	(42)	Lower rate of interest received on funds on deposit.
					Decrease: VAT Reclaimed	(1,560)	Two large payments made in February and March 2021 which the VAT has been claimed back but won't be received until 2021/22.
					Decrease: Tax Refund	(58)	One-off tax refund in 2019/20
					Increase: Grant	6,400	One-off grant received in 2020/21 specifically for work on the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
Box 4 <i>Staff Costs</i>	4,640	3,640	-1,000	22	In 2019/20 the permanent clerk returned from maternity leave part way through the year. An additional payment was made to the temporary clerk in 2019/20 when she left to cover leave she had not be able to take and overtime she had worked (decrease £496). Additional payments were also made in 2019/20 to the permanent clerk to cover leave accrued during maternity leave and some overtime (decrease 749). 2020/21 Pay rise for the clerk from 1 April 2020 (increase £195).		
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	21,193	27,798	6,605	31	Increase: Grants	250	Additional grant given in 2020/21 to help with loss of income due to inability to fund raise during the Covid-19 pandemic.
					Increase: Planning response support and review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan	4,403	See below *
					Increase: Community Benefit Payments	1,472	Income from Solar Farms in the parish have been spent on project to improve the local area. In 2019/20 work concentrated on improvements to the local footpaths (£2,820) and the purchase of a defibrillator (£2,820). Total spend in 2019/20 = £5,640 In 2021/21 a Speed Indictor Device was purchased (£3,200), a new finger post installed (£2,600) with a small amount of work on the footpaths (£377) and some costs associated with the installation of the Defibrillator (£435). There were also some

							grants given from this fund for local charities to help during the Covid-19 pandemic (£500). Total spend in 2020/21 = £7,111
						Increase: VAT on payments	510 Increase value of payments during the year, mostly on the planning support, resulting in more VAT to reclaim.
						TOTAL	6,635
Box 9 <i>Total fixed assets</i>	11,132	13,825	2,693	24	Purchase of a Speed Indicator Device in 2020/21 at a cost of £2,693.		

* **Planning response support:** a Planning Counsel Fund was set up seventeen years ago when this rural parish first came under threat of large-scale development when a major developer secured options on land in the parish. The renewed prospect of large scale development in the period of the emerging Local Plan (to 2032) was strengthened when in November 2011 a new group of landowners in the parish put forward sufficient land for a major new settlement. In 2014 it became apparent that such a settlement was likely to be a preferred option for the District Council to meet its housing targets. There is strong opposition in the parish to this prospect and given the high cost of retaining services of specialist planning advisors it was decided when setting the precept for 2015/16 to increase the funds already accrued for this purpose by £20,000.

Significant funds were spent in 2015-16 on planning consultants who supported the parish council's response to the Housing Options consultation. Continuing support has been needed, in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 including a robust Reg. 18 response prepared by Planning Consultants and a Housing Numbers report by a professional in that subject. The Parish Council continued to engage external planning consultants to prepare a robust Reg 19 representation on the Hart District Council draft local plan during February and March 2018. The external consultants subsequently prepared detailed submissions for the Examination in Public of the Local Plan and appeared on behalf of the parish council at ten of the twelve all-day sessions during the four week long Examination in Public of the Local Plan during November and December 2018, the outcome of which resulted in the Inspector directing the removal of Policy SS3 – the proposed new settlement in Winchfield - from the Plan for it to be considered sound. Further expenditure was required in 2019/20, although at a much reduced level, as the parish council utilised the services of our external consultants to challenge the outcome of the Shapley Heath Garden Village bid submitted to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government by Hart District Council in late 2018 submitting detailed representations to the Secretary of State and our local MP.

There was ongoing expenditure in 2020/21 as the parish council continued to challenge the Shapley Heath Garden Village proposition. Work also began on a two year project to review and update the Winchfield Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) in response to the adopted Local Plan. A specialist consultant was engaged to assist the NDP Steering Group navigate the requirements of the NPPF, liaise with District Council Officers and prepare the draft Vision and Objectives of the revised plan to 2037 in readiness for a public engagement session once Covid rules are relaxed. In addition, a Landscape Character Assessment of the whole Parish was commissioned from another specialist consultant and a grant applied for and awarded by Locality to cover the costs. These activities will continue in 2021/22 at a similar pace including a project to evaluate and define Local Green Spaces for the revised NDP.